

SENATE RESOLUTION 89  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Stephen DuJuan "Bubba" Miller on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that members of this General Assembly should honor those athletes who bring honor and accolades to the State of Tennessee through their efforts both on and off the playing field; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable athlete is Stephen DuJuan "Bubba" Miller, who, after an extraordinary football career, is entering into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Bubba Miller entered the ranks of elite football competition as a student at Brentwood Academy, where he excelled under the leadership of Coach Carlton Flatt; and

WHEREAS, graduating to NCAA play, Bubba Miller became a legend in Neyland Stadium, starting in 46 of 47 University of Tennessee games in his four-year career and earning All-SEC honors as a Junior and again as a Senior; and

WHEREAS, Bubba Miller then signed a free agent deal with the Eagles; coming to the franchise with little pomp or press, he beat the odds and not only made the roster, but became a key member of the Philadelphia squad, excelling in a variety of positions; and

WHEREAS, in the 2000 season, Bubba Miller started every game as Center,

but in 2001 preseason competition, he sustained a season-ending leg injury; and

WHEREAS, once again against great odds, Bubba Miller rebounded to sign a contract with the New Orleans Saints; and

WHEREAS, despite being plagued by serious injury, Bubba Miller has continued to give 110 percent; and

WHEREAS, however, most recently, Bubba Miller has chosen not to sign a new contract with the franchise, instead seeking to maintain the integrity of both the game and his character, preferring to retire from professional play; and

WHEREAS, perhaps most grateful for his family, Bubba Miller enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Gina, and their two children; as he enters into his retirement, he and his family will settle once again in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Bubba Miller has brought innumerable accolades and honors upon both himself and the State of Tennessee, exemplifying the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Bubba Miller has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow players, coaches, and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to Bubba Miller's remarkable abilities as an athlete and his dedication to representing Tennessee with dignity and class; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Stephen DuJuan "Bubba" Miller our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.